

Bennington SAL SQUADRON 266 | MINUTES

Meeting date 14 September 2023 | time 6pm | Meeting location [Bennington Legion Hall](#)

Officers Present: Commander Jared Weinman, Sargent-at-Arms: Mike Valasek Adjutant: Les Brauer,

Officers Absent: Finance Officer Geoff Getzschman

Type of meeting: Monthly meeting

Facilitator: Commander Weinman

Note taker: Adjutant Brauer

Total number of members in attendance: 8 members, 0 nonmember

- Meeting brought to order by Commander Weinman
- Hand salute to the flag
- Opening prayer given by Chaplin Les B
- Commander Weinman read Resolution 288 designating the POW/MIA empty chair
- Sgt.-At-Arms Valasek placed the POW-MIA chair cover
- Commander Weinman read Resolution N C 2-03 Blue Star Banner
- Pledge of Allegiance to the flag recited
- Preamble lead by Commander Weinman

ORDER OF BUSINESS:

- **Reading of minutes of previous meeting:**
 - a. Motion to approve by Alex Banks
 - b. 2nd by Jim Musel / Passed
- **Finance report:** Geoff
 - a. Motion to table due to absence of finance officer by Alex B.
 - b. 2nd by Jim M. / Passed
- **Old/Unfinished business:**
 - a. **CSR Report:** Mike V. 14 hrs; Funeral: 5 members at 8 each, 40 Hrs.

ADMIN HOURS- Jared 5 hrs; Les 1 hr.

- b. Time to focus on recruiting new members
- c. Junior shooting sports/ Eddie Eagle/ NRA
- d. With new additions of members, we are currently at 21 members; approved names for charter.

Saloween: Trunk and Treat : Committee chaired by Alex Banks

- Oct. 28th from 5:30- 9pm
- Motion by Jim M., 2nd by Alex for \$500 budget, same as last year
- Jim M: Model A car club not expected; Mopar Motor Addicts attendance confirmed
- City council approved street closure;; need signatures from neighborhood business and residents.
- Reviewed our inventory upstairs, needs: candy, bags, water, juice, chips, coloring sheets, stickers, washable markers, spider webbing, table cloths.
- Reviewed flyers, proposed revisions.

- Fundraiser at Raisin Canes: agreed to application, need date for fundraiser; skip Runza this year.
- **Ideas/ needed items**
- Pumpkins-Jim M. may need new donor source or buy them; Projector and movie-Geoff; tickets-Brian; Alex to chair event
- Have 2 members posted on each end of the street to greet people and hand out tickets to go inside to see the movie and participate in activities; Brian volunteered, need another
- **3. Firework raffle-** Cost was \$300, received \$480 in donations to the Legion Baseball Team and the sons will added an additional \$20 to make the total an even \$500, presentation to Heath Milarik pending
- **4. Fireworks Distribution:** Breakdowns: Legion 70%, Auxiliary 15%, SAL 15%, \$5054.64
- **5. Renewals-** If paying the full \$30 the extra \$10 shall be a donation to SAL 266, online not working yet
- **6. SAL 266-** Plan to host 2 flag retirement ceremonies per year: unofficial chair – Jim M.; dates: Legion March birthday, need to choose 2nd date
- **7. State Convention-** 4 resolutions, all passed; pending Squadron action: need to update bylaws for eligibility dates
Develop activity sheet to promote what we do; discussed,
Develop membership committee, candidate interests, where are they, etc.; need follow-up
- Reminder by Commander: salute flag when coming and going
- **New Business**
- High School college scholarship, discussed, no motion
- Appointed Brian G. as Chaplin
- Appointed Alex B. as Historian, Glenn Turner as Legion Liaison, Vice Commander is vacant
- Presented Mike Almquist his SAL hat
- **Motions made during meeting:**
 - 1. Subject:** Email meeting minutes prior to meeting, dispense with reading at meeting.
Motion: Alex B.
2nd: Jim M. / Passed
 - 2. Subject:** Donate to Warhawk for Dogs, PTSD Vets, contact Kevin Caster
Motion: Tabled pending more information, no update
- Closing prayer given by Les B
- Sgt.-At-Arms Mike V. retired the POW-MIA chair cover
- Hand salute to the flag
- Meeting adjourned